

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-6, 9, 16-17, 19, 21-25 are currently pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 16 have been amended. The amended claim set is provided herewith.

§ 112 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-3, 5-6, 9, 16-17, 19, 21 and 22 have been rejected to under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Examiner asserts that the claims contain subject matter which is not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the art that the inventors, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The claims have been amended such that this rejection is believed to now have been overcome. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

§ 103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-3, 5-6, 9, 16-17, 19, 21-25 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Hoogmartens et al. U.S. 5,922,506 in view of Asano et al. U.S. 6,106,992.


Applicants note that nothing in the combination of Hoogmartens and Asano teaches or makes obvious A photosensitive laminate structure comprising at least an ink receptive, radiation transmissive layer, said ink receptive, radiation transmissive layer comprising a water-soluble, inkjet-receptive material transmissive to light of general wavelength 300 to 450 nm, containing at least 20 dry weight percent polyvinyl alcohol, and further containing calcium carbonate; and at least one photosensitive resist layer; wherein the photosensitive resist layer comprises a pressure sensitive adhesive composition having a T_g of less than about -40 °C; and wherein the photosensitive layer comprises from 1 to 40 weight percent of a polymeric photosensitive resin and from 30 to 98 weight percent of a polyvinyl acetate based upon the total dry weight of the

photosensitive layer; and wherein the ink receptive, radiation transmissive layer comprises less than 40 dry weight percent calcium carbonate.

In view of the foregoing amendments, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the claims as all rejections have been overcome. Early notice of allowability is kindly requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at 612.746.4783 or by E-mail at dpauly@pdsdlaw.com with any questions or comments.

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